



ATLANTIC COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

Hammonton Co. No. 1

September 19, 2001

The regular meeting of the Atlantic County Firefighters' Association was called to order at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 19, 2001 with President R. Thomas Hunter Jr. presiding. The meeting was opened with the Flag Salute.

A most solemn MEMORIAL SERVICE, ATTACK ON NEW YORK CITY, September 11, 2001 was conducted by Chaplain Thomas E. Sweeny and assisted by Howard R. Berchtold.

"GOD BLESS OUR FALLEN BROTHERS"

Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson remarked on the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City as well as the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The membership was welcomed to Hammonton by Chief Jack Donio Jr. who expressed his thoughts on the occurrences of September 11th.

President Hunter then pointed out the exits.

The secretary read the rolls to record attendance and ensure a quorum being present.

Minutes of the previous meeting of August 15, 2001 were approved and accepted as forwarded to the Chiefs and Secretaries.

The Report of the Treasurer was approved and accepted as read.

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of September 7 were accepted and approved as read with several items held over items held over for new business.

A recap of the September 19th meeting of the Fire Training Center Board of Directors was given by the Secretary.

Fire Marshal Swartz reported that the October 13 Fire Prevention Expo is cancelled as quite a few of the units who were to participate are busy with the events that occurred in New York City and would be unable to attend. Will hold the Expo again in 2002.

The Forest Fire Service drill scheduled for September 23 is also cancelled and will probably be rescheduled later in the year.

The Tanker Task Force drill of September 30 is still planned as scheduled. This was going to be cancelled, but it has been determined that it will still be held.

The Fire Training Committee reported that several of the Academy Instructors were in New York City as part of the New Jersey Urban Search and Rescue teams and several classes had to be cancelled or rescheduled.

The County will be presenting a Rail Safety Course in conjunction with the NJ Transit Rail Safety Department at the Fire Training Center on Friday, October 19 from 7 to 9 PM. and information has been already forwarded to all companies. There will be "Hands On" demonstration on Saturday, October 20 for those who attend the Friday evening portion.

Chief James Garth reported on the Fire Chiefs' Association meeting of August 21 and that Sergeant Morris of the State Police was present and discussed South Star situations and gave some tips such as leaving red lights of apparatus ON, while not using "ally" to light up area as they blind the pilots and when providing directions for the helicopter to give them from the pilot's perspective. If you incur and problems to contact him at (856) 325-4880 with incident date, time and location. Of course, he would also like to hear good comments as well. A good LZ size is 100 X 100 or larger. Flares preferred.

DATE CLEARING

Saturday	Oct. 6	Germania	Turkey or Pork Dinner	4 to 7:30 PM
Sunday	Oct. 14	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Saturday	Oct. 20	Port Republic	Roast Beef Dinner	3:30 to 7:30 PM
Monday	Oct. 22	Fire Training Ctr.	Photo Session-New York City Disaster	7:30 PM
Saturday	Nov. 10	Oceanville	Oyster or Har Dinner	4 to 8 PM
Sunday	Nov. 11	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon
Sunday	Dec. 9	Somers Point #2	Breakfast (AYCE)	8 AM to 12 noon

" In Union For The Safety Of All"

Oscar Dutch gave a report on the Forest Fire Service as well as on the New Jersey Firemen's Home.

John V. Wagner gave a report on Legislation.

Howard Guenther reported that several people have expressed an interest in the Secretary-Treasurer position of the Firemen's Death Benefit Fund and will except names up to the next Association meeting of October 17 and then the Trustees of the Fund will make the choice for the position.

President Hunter asked for volunteers to serve on the Field Day Committee and assist with planning as soon as possible so that the event can be scheduled for this coming spring.

Records indicate that the following have not submitted their \$60.00 dues and rosters for 2001:

Milmay New Jersey Forest Fire Service Port Republic

Records also indicate that the following has submitted their roster but not the \$60.00 dues.
East Vineland

Please advise if your record indicate otherwise.

Egg Harbor Township has installed a new radio tower and the old one might be given to the Association to be provided for a municipality in need of one.

The 16 acres next to the training center is for sale and will contact EHT if it could maybe be gotten for green acres, etc. to provide buffer zone around center.

Motion seonded and carried to approve the rebuilding of the ventilation mockup trainer at a cost of approximately \$1100.00

Motion seonded and carried to allot \$500.00 for library to purchase books, videos, etc.

Information for Fire Prevention posters has been sent out and posters are to be judged locally and winners forwarded to Fire Marshal's office by March 1, 2002 for further judging and then forwarded to the State.

There is to be a PHOTO SESSION presentation on the New York City Disaster of the World Trade Center which will be given at the Fire Training Center on Monday, October 22, 2001 at 7:30 P.M. This presentation is to be given by the firefighters of Atlantic County who went to New York City as part of the NJTF-1 Urban Search and Rescue team.

Invitation to attend this presentation is extended to all firefighters of Atlantic County. Please contact Fire Marshal Whitey Swartz at 407-6741 with number of expected attendees from your company so that proper seating arrangements may be set up.

First nomination of officers for 2002 will be held at the October 17th meeting in Weekstown. Second nomination for officers will be held at the November 21st at Somers Point #2 and election will take place at the December 19th meeting in Scullville.

The following application for membership was approved

Zach Becker of Germania

Bills as presented were approved for payment out of their respectful budgeted accounts.

Benediction was conducted by Chaplain Tom Sweeny.

There being further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th, 2001 at 8:00 PM in Weekstown.

Attested
Howard R. Guenther
Secretary

The Officers would like to thank the firefighters who attended the Memorial Services for our Fallen Brother Firefighters. Headcount showed more than 100 in attendance.